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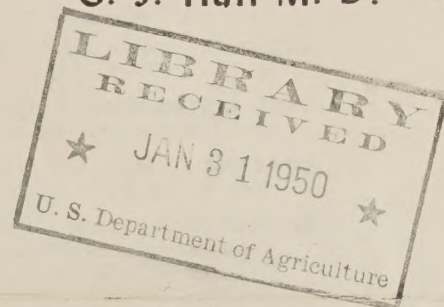
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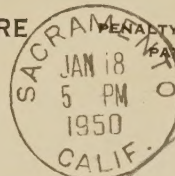
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**ADMIRATION** - Large, informal double, red blotched with white. E.-L. 2½' to 3' \$7.00; 3' to 3½' - \$8.00.

**ADOLPHE AUDUSSON** - Very Large, semi-double, deep red, occasionally marbled with white, showing stamens. M. Grafts: 1 Yr. \$4.00.

**AKEBONO** - Medium large, semi-double, pink. Fragrant. M. 18-24" - \$2.00. Grafts: 2-2½' - \$5.00.

**ALBA PLENA** - Medium large, formal double, pure white. E. 2-2½' - \$6.00; 2½-3' - \$7.50; 3-3½' - \$10.00.

**AMABILIS** - Single, white, with prominent flared stamens. M. 18-24" - \$1.50.

**ANNE LINDBERGH** - Large, loose peony form, rose red. M.-L. Grafts: 1 yr. \$4.00.

**ARAJISHI** - Large, full peony form, deep red to salmon rose. E. 18-24" - \$2.50.

**ARLENE LEE SHEPP** - Large, semi-double, red with white margined petals. Best in Show - Pasadena 1949. New. Grafts: 1 yr. \$10.00.

**BENI KIRIN** (Hi Owsho) - Large roseform double, deep rose. M. 30"-36" \$5.00; 3'-4' - \$6.50.

**BLEICHROEDER** (Otome Var.) - Medium large, rose form double, white, streaked with chalk pink to crimson. M. 1 gal size \$2.25.

**BLOOD OF CHINA** - Large roseform to peoniform, red with deeper red-veined petals. L. 3' - 4' - \$7.50.

**CALIFORNIA** - Very Large, informal semi-double thick-petalled, rose red, shows stamens among central petals. Rare. M. Grafts: 2-yr. - \$7.50; 3-yr. - \$9.00.

**CAPITOL CITY** - Large, single scarlet, unusual velvety petals, petaloids occasionally fill the center. Rare. M.-L. Grafts: 1 yr. - \$4.00; 3 yr. \$8.50.

**CAPT. JOHN SUTTER** - Large, formal double, rose pink blotched with white. Vigorous, open, upright growth. M.-L. Grafts: 2 yr. gal. \$5.00.

**CARDINAL RICHELIEU** - Large irregular semi-double to peoniform, red. M.-L. Grafts: 1 yr. - \$4.00.

**CASABLANCA** (Pink Bleichroeder) - Medium to large, roseform double, soft chalk pink. M. 18-24" \$3.00; 2-3' - \$5.00.

**CHANDLERI ELEGANS** - Very Large, peony-centered, rose pink to deep rose, large outer petals variously marked with white. E to M. 15-20" \$2.50; 18-30" bushy 3 gal. \$5.50; 3-4' \$10.00.

**CHO NO HANAGATA** (Dorothea Blanche) - Large, semi-double to peony form, pink shaded white. Grafts: 1 yr. \$4.50.

**CLEOPATRA** (M.A.) - Large, full peony form, white and pink in blended tints. M. Small 1 gal. size \$1.50.

**C. M. HOVEY** (Col. Firey) - Large, formal double, deep red. M.-L. 15-24" \$2.50.

**C. M. WILSON** - NEW RARE Sport of Chandleri Elegans. Pale pink occasionally mottled with white. Available next year. (See Grace Burkhard.)

**COLLETTI** - Medium large, informal double to peony form, deep red, mottled with pure white. Slow bushy growth. One of the finest variegated Camellias. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$4.50; 2 yr. gal. \$6.00; 3 yr. 3 gal. 18-24" \$7.50 24-30" \$8.50; 30-36" \$10.00.

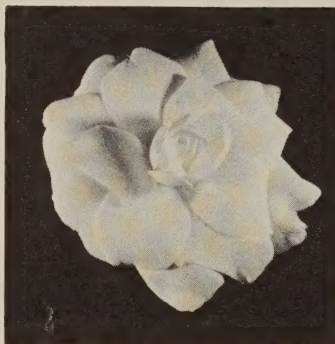
**COVINA** - Medium, semi-double to roseform, rose red. M. 1 gal size. \$1.50.

**CREPE ROSETTE** - Large, semi-double, deep pink veined red with white margined petals. E.-L. Grafts: 1 yr. \$4.00.

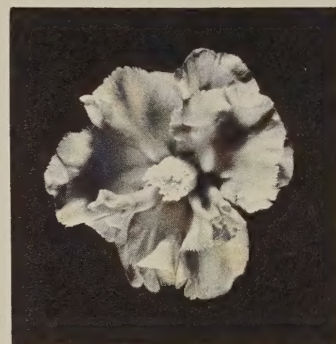
**DAIKAGURA** - Large, peoniform, deep rose red marbled with white. E. 15-18" \$2.00; 18-24" bushy 3 gal. \$5.00.

**DEBUTANTE** - Large, peony form, light pink with tightly clustered petals. One of the most popular pinks. E. 18-24" \$2.00; 24-30" gal. \$3.00; 3-4' \$8.50.

**DONCKELARI** (Georgia) - Very Large, semi-double, red marbled with white. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$4.00; 2 yr. gal. \$5.00.



*Pax*



*Ville de Nantes*

**DR. SHEPARD** (Te Deum) - Very Large, vari-form, dark red M.-L. Grafts: 24-30" \$6.00; 3-4' \$8.50.

**ELIZABETH BOARDMAN** - Very Large, hemispherical, fluted semi-double, white. M. Grafts: 1 yr. - \$5.00.

**EMPEROR OF RUSSIA** - Medium Large, peonyform, deep red with stamens in separate groups. M. 15-18" \$2.50.

**F. G. No. 2** - Large, semi-double, brilliant red Marbled with white. Sturdy, broad, rounded foliage. Slow, compact growth. A fine Japanese Import which we have kept under wraps since 1941. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$5.00.

**FIMBRIATA** (Alba Fimbriata) - Large, formal double, white, with fringed petals. One of the finest of all. E. 1 gal. size \$3.00. 1 yr. gal. Graft \$4.00; 2 yr. gal. Graft \$5.00; 24-30" \$7.50; 30-36" \$9.00.

**FINLANDIA** - Large, fluted semi-double, white. M. 15-18" 2.00; 18-24" \$2.50; 24-30" \$5.00.

**FINLANDIA VAR.** - Variegated form of Finlandia. White streaked with crimson. M. 15-18" \$2.00; 18-24" \$2.50.

**FLAME** - Large, semi-double, deep flame red, showing central stamen cluster. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$4.00.

**FRED SANDER** (Fimbriata Superba) - Large, semi-double to loose peoniform, crimson, with creped, saw-toothed edges of petals, occasionally spotted with white. M.L. Grafts: 1 yr. \$4.50.

**GEN. EISENHOWER** - Large, full peony to anemone form, deep red. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$5.00.

**GEN GEO. PATTON** - Large, double, glowing pink. A new seedling of Purity. Identical in form. M. Grafts: 2 yr. gal. \$4.50.

**GILBEAU PINK** - Medium, peony form, pink coloring similar to High Hat. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$5.00.

**GLENN 40** - Large, formal to roseform double, deep red. M.-L. Grafts: 1 yr. - \$4.50.

**GOV. EARL WARREN** - Large, rose form double, rose pink. Vigorous, bushy, spreading growth. E. M. A new prize winner. 1 gal. size \$3.00; 2' - 3' bushy \$12.50.

**GRACE BURKHARD** - New Rare Sport of Chandleri Elegans Although claimed by some to be identical with C. M. Wilson, we are listing separately until controversy is resolved. "Pale pink with white edged petals not showing mottling." E.-M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$10.00.

**GOVERNOR MOUTON** - Medium to large, semi-double, oriental red, occasionally marbled with white. M. 3-4' \$10.00.



**GYPSY** - Large, rose-form double, dark red. L. Small 1 gal. size \$1.50.

**H. A. DOWNING** - Large, semi-double, blood red, with 3 rows of broad petals and prominent stamens. M. 2½-3' \$7.50.

**HERME** - Large, semi-double, light pink, with irregular white border and streaked deep pink. Fragrant. M. 18-24" \$2.00.

**HERME PINK** - Deep pink sport of Herme. 18-24" \$2.50.

**HIGH HAT** - Pale pink sport of Daikagura. E. Grafts: 1 yr. (small) \$4.00; 2 yr. \$5.00; 2 yr. 3 gal \$10.00.

**JENNY JONES** - Large, semi-double, pure white. Formation of Lotus. Crepe textured petals of good substance. M. Grafts: - 1 yr. \$4.50.

**KUMASAKA** - Informal double to peoniform, large, clear pink with stamens inter mixed with central petals. M. 18-24" \$2.50; 3'-4' \$10.00.

**LA BELLA** - Sport of Bella Romana - Red mottled with white. L. 3-3½ \$7.50. 3½-4 \$8.50.

**LADY CLARE** (Grandiflora Rosea) - Very Large, semi-double, deep rose pink, opens flat. E.-M. 12-18" \$2.50; 3 gal. 2 yr. \$6.00.

**LALLAROOK** (Laurel Leaf) - Large, formal double, medium light pink marbled with white, long bud center opens flat. Petals incurved in humid climates. M.-L. 15-18" \$2.50; 18-24" \$2.75.

**LEUCANTHA** - Sport of Tricolor Sieboldi, Large, semi-double, white. M. 15-18" \$2.00.

**LIGHT PINK IMPORT** - Medium large, bright light pink, semi-double. A new Domoto introduction. Bushy upright growth. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$7.50.

**MADAM HAHN** - Large, semi-double, to peony form bright pink. Vigorous upright growth. M. (Very limited stock). Grafts: 1 yr. \$5.00 2 yr. gal. \$6.00.

**MAGNOLIAEFLORA ALBA** - Large, semi-double, white, with curved, fluted petals. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$4.00; 2 yr. gal. \$5.00.

**MAGNOLIAEFLORA (English)** - Medium large, semi-double, light pink, with thick petals of soft waxy texture, Fine, lasting blooms. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$5.00; 2 yr. gal. \$6.00.

**MAGNOLIAEFLORA (Southern)** - Medium large, blush pink, semi-double, with curved fluted petals. Medium, compact growth. M. 15-18" \$3.50. 18-24" \$4.00.

**MARCHIONESS OF EXETER** - Large, pink, thick peoni-form. Vigorous, spreading growth. E.-M. 18-24" \$2.50.

**MARGARETE HERTRICH** - Large, formal double, white. Vigorous compact upright growth. M. Graft: 1 yr. (small) \$4.00.

**MARGARITA CALEONIE (Goddess of Fire)** - Large, dark red, roseform double. Vigorous, upright growth. 2-3' \$6.50; 3-4' \$8.50; 4-4½' \$10.00.

**MARY CHARLOTTE** - Large, flat anemoneform, soft pink. Occasionally fragrant. A sensational beauty. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$7.00.

**MATHOTIANA (Julia Drayton)** - Very large, scarlet to purple red, rose form double, with stamens showing when fully open. The largest and finest of its type. M.-L. 15-18" \$2.25; 18-24" \$2.75; 2-2½' \$5.00; 2½-3' \$6.50.

**MEREDITH LAKE** - Medium, semi-double, pale lilac pink, Showing a few stamens. M. 18-24" \$2.00.

**MISS SACRAMENTO** - Large, single, scarlet, opening flat with rounded velvety petals, short stamens prominent and evenly dispersed. A rare and exotic variety. Grafts: 1 yr. \$4.00; 2 yr. gal \$5.00.

**MORNING GLOW** - Large, formal double white. Petals light creamy white at center. Vigorous, upright growth. Blooms when young. Hardy. M. Grafts - 1 yr. \$10.00.

**MOTHER OF PEARL** - Large, imbricated double, sometimes showing stamens when fully open. WHITE With a Short PINK Streak at the Base of Petals giving a PINK GLOW at the center. A Camellia Hall introduction, this "find" is a Japanese importation, believed to be a sport of Bleichroeder. Grafts: 1 yr. \$10.00.

**MRS. ALBERT DECKER** - Large, formal double, white with high pointed bud center. M.-L. Grafts: 1 yr. \$7.50.

**MRS. CHAS. COBB** - Large, very dark red, semi-double to peoniform. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$4.00; 2 yr. \$5.00.

**MRS. HOWARD ASPER** - Very large, light pink, cup shaped semi-double, similar form to Lotus. Fine lasting blooms. Best in Show - Berkeley 1949, M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$7.00.

**MRS. JOHN LANG** - Medium, coral pink, formal double. An old favorite. M. 3½-4½' \$8.50.

**MRS. JOSEPHINE HEARN** - Large, fluted semi-double, rose pink. Long, lasting blooms when cut. M. 15-18 \$2.50; 18-24" \$3.00.

**MRS. MARIE KEATING** - Medium large, light pink, peony form. Vigorous, compact growth. A new California seedling. E.-M. 18-24" \$2.50.

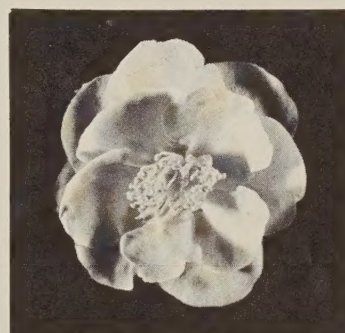
**MRS. ROWENA DILLINGHAM** - Medium, deep pink to red, formal double E.-L. 18-24" \$1.50.

**MRS. TINGLEY** - Large, formal double, pink, with veined, glistening petals. Slow, bushy growth. Grafts: 1 yr. \$7.50.

**NAGASAKI (Mikenjaku)** - Very large, semi-double, deep rose pink to rose red mottled with white. One of the finest of the variegated semi-doubles. M. 12-18" \$2.50.

**PAUL HOWARDS WHITE (Late Alba Plena)** - Large, white formal double to roseform. Vigorous, upright growth. M. Grafts: 2 yr. gal. \$4.50.

**PAX (White Laurel Leaf)** - Large, formal double, pure white, long bud center opens flat. A magnificent flower. Compact, upright growth. M.-L. 15-24" \$2.50. Grafts: 2 yr. gal. \$5.00.



*Mrs. Howard Asper*



*High Hat*

**PEONIAEFLORA** - Very Large, thick peony form, white to cream white, with a few rose red lines or dashes. M. 18-24" \$2.50; 24-30" \$5.00.

**PINK BALL** - Medium large, light pink peony form. E.-M. 18-24" \$2.50.

**PINK DAWN** - Medium large, formal double, deep pink. M. 18-24" \$2.50.

**PINK PERFECTION** - Medium, formal, double shell pink. E.M.L. 15-18" \$1.50; 18-24" \$2.00; 3 gal. size \$4.50.

**PINK STAR** - Large, rose-pink, semi-double. A delicately formed beauty. M. 12-18" \$2.00.

**PRIDE OF DESCANSO** - Very large, white, semi-double to loose peony form. Grafts: 2 yr. \$6.00.

**PURITY** - Medium large, symmetrical double, white, showing a bud center and occasionally opening to show stamens. One of the most popular white varieties. M.-L. 18-24" \$2.00; 3-4' \$7.50.



**REGINA De GIGANTI (Rainsford Cantelou)** - Large, bright pink, semi-double, showing stamens interspersed with erect central petals. M.-L. Grafts: 24-30" bushy \$7.50; 3-4' \$12.50.

**RETICULATA (A species)** - Very large, iridescent rose pink, semi-double, petals creped and ruffled. Grafts: 1 yr. 10-15" \$4.50; 15-20" \$5.50.

**ROBERT E. LEE** - Medium large, dark red, irregular semi-double, showing yellow tipped red stamens. An unusual, rare variety. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$5.00; 1 yr. 5 gal. \$12.50.

**ROSE QUEEN VAR.** - Medium large, rose pink spotted with white, formal double. M. 3-4' \$10.00.

**RUBRA PLENA (Pope Pius IX)** - Large, deep coral red, formal double. M. 2-3' \$6.00; 3-4' \$7.50.

**SHIN AKEBONO** - Medium large, single, light pink with bright yellow stamens, giving petals an almost apricot tone of creamy pink especially when first open. Best in Show Sacramento 1949. M. Own root 1 gal. \$3.50. Grafts: 1 yr. \$4.00.

**SIERRA SPRING (Madam Hahn Var.)** - Large, semi-double to peony form, bright pink marbled with white. Vigorous, upright growth. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$7.50.

**THELMA DALE** - A silver pink sport of Mrs. Baldwin Wood. Large, semi-double to rose form double, petals large and somewhat notched at ends, high center opening to show stamens. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$10.00.

**TIARA** - Large, orange red, formal double to semi-double, high bud center. Occasionally shows stamens. M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$5.00.

**TRICOLOR CALIFORNIA** - Medium large, semi-double, white striped carmine to solid color. Opens in temperatures up to 87°. L. 18-24" \$2.00.

**UNCLE SAM** - Large, formal to rose form double, rose red occasionally spotted with white. M. Grafts: 2 yr. gal. \$5.00.

**VEDRINE (Ruby Glow)** - Large, semi-double to loose peony form, ruby red. Form of Chandleri, Elegans. E.M. 18-24" \$2.50; 24-30" \$5.00; 2½-3' \$6.50.

**VICTORY** - Large, semi-double to full peony form, bright rose red. Vigorous, upright growth. M. Grafts: small 2 yr. gal. \$4.50.



*Capitol City*

**VILLE De NANTES** - Large, semi-double, turkey red occasionally marbled or spotted with white, petals frequently fluted, folded and deeply serrated. A magnificent flower in each of its variations. M. Grafts: 1 gal. 8-12" \$4.00; 12-15" \$5.50.; 15-18" \$6.50.

**VIRGINIA DAVIS** - Large, formal double, white, with petals showing a silvery sheen. New. Grafts: 1 yr. \$5.00.

**WHITE EMPRESS** - Very large, semi-double, with white, broad petals resembling Empress (Lady Clare) in form. Vigorous, compact, upright growth. E.-M. Grafts: 1 yr. \$5.00.

**WHITE GIANT** - Very large, to huge pure white, semi-double similar to Lotus. Free blooming, fine lasting flowers. Grafts: 1 yr. - \$6.00.

**WILLIAM PENN** - Medium to large, full peony form, purple red marbled with white. Vigorous, slender willowy growth. Unusual. M. 24-30" \$7.50; 30-36" \$8.50.

**YOHEI HAKU (September Mom)** - Large, informal double to peony form white, Medium spreading growth. Blooms early and late. Grafts: 1 yr. \$4.00.

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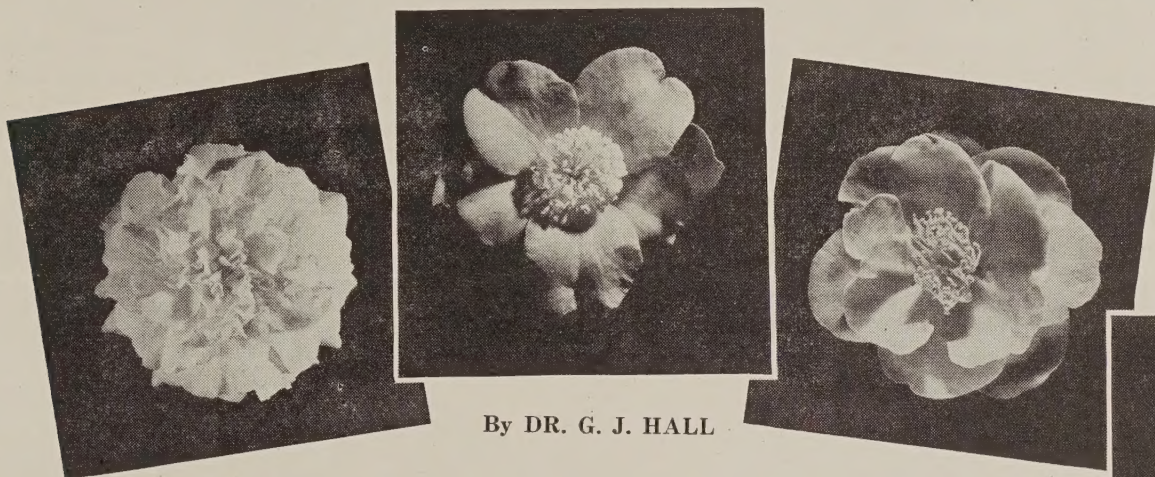
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GLORY-FLOWER OF THE SOUTH—

# Camellias



Left to right: High Hat, Capital City, Mrs. Howard Asper, Ville de Nantes. Below is Pax and all photos here are furnished through the courtesy of the author, Dr. Geo. J. Hall.

By DR. G. J. HALL

## Exotic New Varieties, Fall-to-Spring Bloom Make Camellias a "Must" for Every Southern Yard

**B**ECAUSE our Sacramento Valley in California is similar in so many ways to much of Texas, experiences of Sacramento growers should help make gardeners in Texas equally successful and proud of their camellias. In reality, camellias are a hardy plant and should be just as much a part of Texas landscaping and gardening as they are in Sacramento.

In Sacramento the temperature extremes are from a minimum of 22 D.F. to a 108 D.F. high during our hot dry summers, yet it is known as "the Camellia city." Camellias have proved that with a little protection they can stand almost any amount of heat and can be successfully maintained during freezing weather and in snow climates. Freezing weather delays the blooming season but does not damage the plants. Therefore, those who lose prized plants of other species should replace them with camellias and be assured of not losing them due to cold weather.

### Major Points of Beauty

In Texas there already are some very large camellia collections. One East Texas man is developing "the greatest collection of big camellia trees" in the country. Because camellias are so hardy they are ideal for the backyard gardener, and the general landscaping plan can be developed with camellias as the major points of beauty.

One can be a real collector without buying hundreds of plants. A definite plan to begin or to increase a collection must consider (1) blooming season, (2)

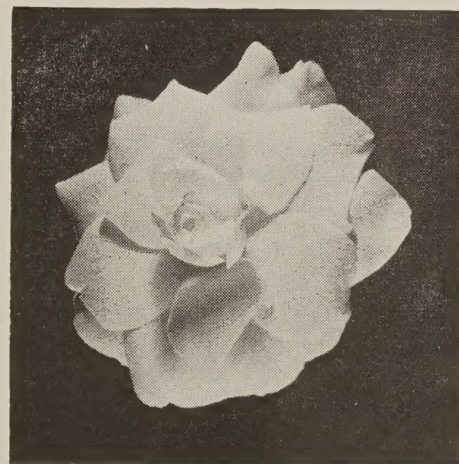


form of blooms, (3) complete color range during each part of the blooming season, (4) maintaining one's likes and dislikes regardless of the views of others, and (5) obtaining the rarer ones only after the collection is balanced or because the flower is much finer of that type than the others.

For those whose garden space is limited, obtaining double or multiple grafts (with two or more "harmonizing" varieties on one root) has become increasingly popular. Some propagators have many combinations and will make double-grafted plants to order.

The Sasanqua species may bloom as early as August and September, and the

Japonicas from October to May or June, thereby producing flowers of "the Royal Family of Evergreens" for many winter months when no others are blooming. Even better, the beginner can be as contented and have prize-winning-quality flowers as successfully as the wealthiest collector. At present prices, the small garden can contain as many camellias as roses—and camellias continue to increase in value every year! Indeed camellias are among the least expensive plants to buy for future value.





## Suggested Varieties

Varieties that do well in the Sacramento area give equal enjoyment in similar climates. Therefore, a short list of our well-known, standard and newer varieties should be helpful in starting your Southwestern camellia collection or in adding varieties to balance the color and seasonal blooming ranges of a collection already started.

Among the "well-known varieties" famous for their beauty and good behavior over the years are:

**White**—Amabilis, Dearest, Purity, Alba Plena.

**Pink**—Akebono, Lady Clare, Pink Star, Kumasaka, Pink Ball, Mrs. John Laing, Hugh Evans (Sasanqua).

**Red**—Arajishi, C. M. Hovey, Mathotiana, Vedrine, Pope Pius IX, Emperor of Russia.

**Variegated**—Bella Romana, Herme, Tricolor, Daikagura, Chandleri Elegans, Mikenjaku.

Among the less-common but still well-known are:

**White**—Fimbriata, Mrs. Wm. Thompson, Pax, White Dove (Sasanqua), Triphosa, Paul Howard's White.

**Pink**—Debutante, Huntington Pink, Herme Pink, Lallarook, Rose Queen, Magnoliaflora (Southern), Showa M. Sakae (Sasanqua), Regina dei Giganti.

**Red**—Governor Mouton, Glen 40, Mrs. Chas. Coble, Flame, Dr. Shepard, California, Cardinal Richelieu.

**Variegated**—Daikagura (var), Finlandia Var., Gigantea, Peoniflora, Donckelaari, Colletti Maculata, Adolph Andussun var., Uncle Sam, Apple Blossom (saluenensis).

You can obtain good descriptions of the above from many nursery catalogs and listings. There are some newer or rare varieties, however, that are not so easily found. For that reason, I am including their broader descriptions: (E, early blooming; M, mid-season; L, late):

**White**—Margarete Hertrich, large formal double, M; Jennie Jones, large semi-double, M; White Empress, very large semi-double, E-M; Mother of Pearl, medium formal double with light pink throat, M; Yohei Haku, large formal double to peony form, E; Imura, large semi-double, M.

**Pink**—Shin Akebono, pale, light pink, single, M; Mary Charlotte, light pink, medium large, flat anemoneform, M; Governor Earl Warren, large, hemispherical, semi-double, multi-centered, bright rose pink, M; Gen. Geo. Patton, bright pink, formal double, sport of Purity, M-L; Mrs. Howard Asper, very large, lotus-shaped, semi-double, light pink, M; High Hat, pale-pink, sport of Daikagura, E-M; Madam Hahn, bright pink, large, semi-double, M; Magnoliaflora, English, light pink, medium large, semi-double, M.

**Red**—Miss Sacramento—large, rose red single, large center of flat stamens, M; Capitol City, sports of Miss Sacramento, usually has large center of flat pink and white petaloids, M; Victory, rose red, large semi-double to peony-form, M; Ville de Nantes, deep red, large, semi-double, petals deeply fimbriated, M; Woodville Red, deep strawberry red, very large, semi-double to peony form, M; Fimbriata Superba, Crimson, large double with curled fimbriated petals, M-L; Robert E. Lee, Dark red with red stamens, irregular semi-double, M.

**Variegated**—Tiara, orange red, large formal double to semi-double, M; Crepe Rossette, deep pink veined red, with white margined petals, large semi-double, E-L; No. 309, light rose pink, mottled and stippled white, medium large semi-double, M; Kiyo Kano Ko var., medium, irregular double red with varying number white petals, M-L; King Lear, cherry red, marbled white, very large semi-double, considered sport of Finlandia Var., M; Ville de Nantes var., variegated form of Ville de Nantes, deep red spotted and marked with white, M.

## How to Grow Them

From my viewpoint, the primary factors in the growing of fine quality camellias are these: first, a correctly prepared soil mixture containing proper amounts of sand, silt and humus (peat moss and acid leaf mold); second, careful use of a "balanced" acid fertilizer; and third, constant discriminating care in watering. It takes only a short time longer to water each plant properly, but it makes a great difference in health, appearance, growth and eventual blooms. The camellia which does not get careful watering shows this type of starvation in many ways, all detrimental to appearance. Preparation of the soil mixture likewise is as important to the camellia as is a foundation to a house. With a good planting mixture, the camellia can better survive the abuses of unfavorable weather or forgotten care.

Plant in partial shade to protect from direct afternoon sun, at least three to four feet from any building or wall. Your camellia can live for 200 to 400 years and become a big tree.

Make the planting hole at least three times as large as the container and fill with a mixture of one part peat moss, one part good garden soil,  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  part sharp sand and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to one part acid leaf mold or its substitute. Plant a little high to allow for plant to settle. Do not crowd with other plants and never dig

around camellias. If planted in a bed requiring cultivating, protect your camellia with a circle of bricks or rocks.

## Other Camellia Hints

Fertilize with commercial fertilizer in Spring and, if necessary, once in mid-summer. Always water well before and after applying fertilizer. Use fertilizer sparingly—less than recommended on the package. Too much can kill the plant. Apply fertilizer evenly at a distance from the trunk of the plant.

Water frequently, using one inch of peat moss on the surface to help retain moisture. Large plants may require very slow, prolonged watering to set the soil to a sufficient depth. Be sure adequate drainage is given, especially during the rainy season. Water must not stand, yet never allow the plant to dry out.

Frequent inspection and the use of common sense garden practices will give the camellia grower great pleasure. Learning the "tricks" of the experts in feeling leaf texture, comparing foliage coloration, differences of growth and bud development by observation, then asking questions, can be very helpful.

Remember, again, that camellias must be protected from heat and cold. They become very valuable possessions, and deserve consideration and adequate environmental planning available to any of us who give thought to the matter. Protective shade in hot summer climates, proper mulching and regular watering result in developing expensive corsage material and flower arrangements. You actually can grow your own beautifully luxurious winter corsages.

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